

## IN THE ABSTRACT

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~An~~A~~network asset management system and an asset management method in which~~  
~~asset management information including the location of an asset is gathered from information on~~  
~~a manager determines~~ sender and a destination network address included in the header of  
information circulating over a computer network, ~~a software program created by use of an~~  
~~application program interface (API) capable of conversing with the operating system (OS) of an~~  
~~asset such as a personal computer is distributed to the asset and information on software and~~  
~~hardware assets installed in the asset is gathered, thereby automating the asset management~~  
~~work that is to be performed except when the asset is purchased and when the asset is~~  
~~abandoned~~ gathers network asset management information, including network asset identifying  
information identifying a network asset being managed and computer network node identifying  
information of the network asset, based upon the information circulating over the computer  
network, and compares the gathered network asset management information with stored  
network asset management information to update the stored network asset management  
information with the gathered network asset management information.

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A network asset manager determines sender and destination network address included in header of information circulating over a computer network, gathers network asset management information, including network asset identifying information identifying a network asset being managed and computer network node identifying information of the network asset, based upon the information circulating over the computer network, and compares the gathered network asset management information with stored network asset management information to update the stored network asset management information with the gathered network asset management information.